## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

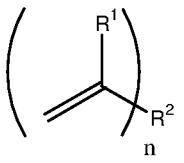
1. (Currently Amended) A ~~chain-extended polymer or~~ stellar polymer which is obtainable by polymerizing a vinyl monomer in the manner of living radical polymerization and adding a compound having two or more polymerizable carbon-carbon double bonds at the end of the polymerization.

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~chain-extended polymer or~~ stellar polymer according to Claim 1, which is prepared by polymerizing at least one kind of vinyl monomers selected from among (meth)acrylic monomers, acrylonitrile monomers, aromatic vinyl monomers, fluorine-containing vinyl monomers and silicon-containing vinyl monomers.

3. (Original) A composition which comprises, as an essential component, a hydroxyl-terminated polymer falling under the polymer according to Claim 2 and a compound having, in each molecule thereof, not less than two functional groups reactive with the hydroxyl group.

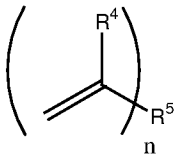
4. (Original) A composition which comprises, as an essential component, a hydroxyl-terminated polymer falling under the polymer according to Claim 1 and a compound having, in each molecule thereof, not less than two functional groups reactive with the hydroxyl group.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~chain-extended polymer or~~ stellar polymer according to Claim 1 wherein the compound having two or more polymerizable carbon-carbon double bonds is a compound represented by a chemical formula selected from the group consisting of general formulas 1, 2 and 3 shown below:



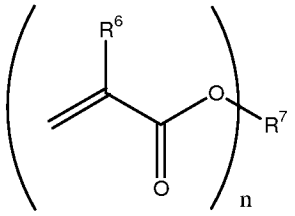
(1)

wherein $R^1$ is a group selected from the group consisting of Ph, CN and $CO_2R^3$, $R^3$ being a ~~monvalent~~ monovalent organic group, $R^2$ is an organic group having a valency of not less than two and n is an integer of not less than 2;



(2)

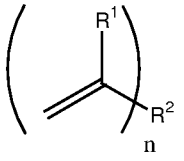
wherein $R^4$ is H, Me or a group selected from the group consisting of organic groups containing 1 to 20 carbon atoms, $R^5$ is ~~an organic~~ a benzene or naphthalene group having two or more substituted groups and n is an integer of 2 or more;



(3)

wherein $R^6$ is H, Me, CN or a group selected from the group consisting of organic groups containing 1 to 20 carbon atoms, $R^7$ is an organic group having a valency of not less than two and n is an integer of not less than 2.

6. (Currently Amended) The ~~chain-extended polymer or~~ stellar polymer according to Claim 2 wherein the compound having two or more polymerizable carbon-carbon double bonds is a compound represented by a chemical formula selected from the group consisting of general formulas 1, 2 and 3 shown below:



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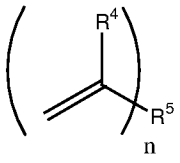
wherein $R^1$ is a group selected from the group consisting of Ph, CN and $CO_2R^3$, $R^3$ being a monovalent organic group, $R^2$ is an organic group having a valency of not less than two and n is an integer of not less than 2;



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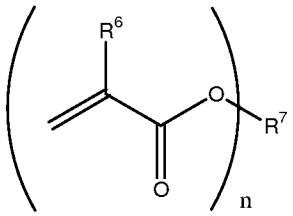
wherein $R^4$ is H, Me or a group selected from the group consisting of organic groups containing 1 to 20 carbon atoms, $R^5$ is a benzene or naphthalene group having two or more substituted groups and n is an integer of 2 or more;



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wherein $R^6$ is H, Me, CN or a group selected from the group consisting of organic groups containing 1 to 20 carbon atoms, $R^7$ is an organic group having a valency of not less than two and n is an integer of not less than 2.

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~chain-extended polymer or~~ stellar polymer according to Claim 1, wherein the molecular weight distribution of the resulting polymer is not more than 2.

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~chain-extended polymer or~~ stellar polymer according to Claim 2, wherein the molecular weight distribution of the resulting polymer is not more than 2.